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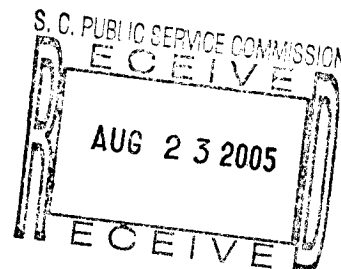
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**Re: Generic Proceeding to Investigate Emergency Services Continuity Plans
Docket No. 2005-100-C**

Dear Mr. Terreni:

We have received a copy of the letter to you from Stan Bugner of Verizon dated August 17, 2005, in the above-referenced docket. In the letter, Mr. Bugner requested that the hearing in the matter be postponed and that the four parties who had previously filed testimony be permitted to work toward a consensus proposal to present to the Commission.

✓ The South Carolina Telephone Coalition (SCTC) agrees that the matter is best handled in the manner suggested by Mr. Bugner, and we support the request for continuance on this basis. However, as incumbent local exchange carriers who will be directly impacted by any plan or procedures that may be adopted with respect to the emergency continuation of services, the SCTC member companies would like an opportunity to participate in the working group.

Very truly yours,

Margaret M. Fox
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Enclosures

cc: Parties of Record

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